in respect of development of Malanjkhand Deposits which was submitted by M/s Bishimetal Corporation of Japan in June, 1992; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Government has not examined the feasibility report prepared by M/s Bishimetal Exploration Co. However, a review of the expension schemes of Hindustan Copper Ltd. indicates that setting up of a Smelter at Malanjkhand based on indigenous copper concentrates is not presently viable

Deputation of experts from Geological Survey of India to study aspects of the earthquakes

2196. SHRI GHUFRAM AZAM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has decided to send four teams of experts to study various aspects of the devastating earthquake that occurred in Latur and Osmanabad districts of Maharashtra recently;

(b) if so, the details of the reports submitted by the expert teams to Government;

(c) whether Government have contemplated any further action on the basis of reports of the expert committee; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India (GSI) has sent teams of experts comprising geologists and geo-physicists to carry out post-earthquake damage survey, for preparation of isoseismal maps and seismotectonic studies of the areas. Further suitable action will depend upon the finding of the teams.

उत्तर प्रदेश और मध्य प्रदेश में व परियोजनाओं से खनिजों का नुकसा

2197. श्री राम नरेश या व : व खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में कई बांध पर योजनाओं और मध्य प्रदेश में नर्मदा पर योजना के कारण खनिज पदार्थों व कितना नुकसान हुआ है और इससे कौ कौन से क्षेत्र प्रभावित हुए हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उत्तर प्रदेश औ मध्य प्रदेश में नुकसान का अलग-अल आकलन क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या इन परियोजनाओं के कार खनिजों के सम्भावित नुकसान के बा में कोई सर्वेक्षण कराया गया था ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्र बलराम सिंह या व) : (क) बांध पर योजनाओं से खनिजों को कोई नुकसा नहीं होता । हालांकि और बाढ़ी के जल मग्न होने के कारण खनिज निष्कर्ष के लिए अन्य तकनीकी को जरूरत प सकती है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Tripartite Agreement for sub-leasin Bartes Mines at Mangampet

2198. DR. NARREDDY THUL REDDY: Will the Minister of MIN be pleaed to state:

(a) whether Government of And Pradesh have requested to cancel Tripartite agreement and to cancel sub-lease to private persons by the And Pradesh Mining Corporation with rega to Bartes Mines at Mangampet Anantharajupet in Cuddapah district Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

गुजरात में खनन पर निगरानी

2199. श्री राम सिंह राठवा : क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गुजरात मे खान-परियोजनाओं पर अप्रभावी निगरानी के कारण इन परियोजनाओं की लागत में वृद्धि को गई है तथा इनके पूरा होने में विलम्ब हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) इन परियोजनाओं के नाम क्या-क्या हैं ; और

(घ) सरकार ने निगरानी प्रणाली को मजबूत बनाने के लिए क्या प्रयास किए हैं ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) खान मंत्रालय की गुजरात में कोई खनन परियोजना नहीं है ।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

List of illegal mines operated in the country

2200. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whethrr Government had any list of illegal mines being operated in differtnt parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the illegal mines operated State-wise; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to close down illegal mines throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Central Government does not maintain any such list.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Action is taken as per law on detection of cases of illegal mining.

Interest shown by Australian in the mining sector

2201. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Australians have shown their interest in mining sector in accordance with the liberalisation policy of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) The National Mineral Policy placed before this House on 5-3-1993 liberalising further the conditions pertaining to foreign investment in the mining sector has generated interest amongst foreign mining companies including Australian. Such interest can lead to specific proposals/projects only after consequential amendments to the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957, have been made.

Gold Reserves in the Subansiri river sand Assam

2202. DR. BAPU KALDATE:

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of MINES be plesed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent study has shown that the Subansiri river sand (Assam) has a rich gold reserves;